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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No: 99,395-B)

In re the Application of:

Lawn, et al.

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For: Compositions and Methods for
Increasing Cholesterol Efflux and
Raising HDL Using ATP Binding
Cassette Transporter Protein ABC1)

Examiner: Rao, Manjunath N.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED OCTOBER 6, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 6, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one month extension of time and the corresponding fee. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 9 of this paper.

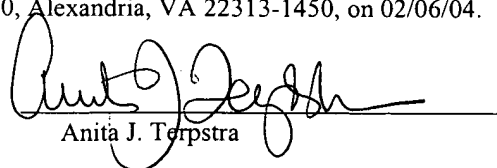
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 13 of this paper.

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